

Lamoine Withdrawal Committee Meeting with RSU Board August 15, 2012
RSU Central Office 6:30 p.m.
Minutes

The LWC delivered the first draft of the Agreement to the RSU Office July 24 and requested a meeting to begin discussing it. We received no response except to set a meeting for August 15. On August 14, we received a draft of the Agreement from the RSU that was quite different from the one we submitted.

6:30 LWC met with Attorney Bearor to discuss points to raise with Board.

7:00 p.m. LWC met with RSU 24 Board (all LWC members present)
LWC raised with the RSU the following:

1. We suggested in our first draft that no money be exchanged; your response lists "reimbursements" you are seeking from Lamoine. We will return a next draft that examines these requests and adds any "reimbursements" that should rightfully be owed Lamoine by the RSU, if any. We requested the "exhibits" mentioned in the RSU's response.
2. We requested that the RSU provide Lamoine with data documenting the "savings" and efficiencies" to the town that result from the centralized services the RSU is requesting that Lamoine "contract for" in the future: Special Education, IT, Food Service. We expressed receptivity to the idea of contracting, but want to see the proof of its benefits.
3. Secondary School choice. We questioned why it was necessary to contract for ten years with a high school and requested that the RSU provide us with the parameters they would want to include in any such agreement.
4. We stated that the town has no obligation to pay central administration salaries other than the superintendent's, as per statute.
5. We asked that the RSU provide an example of the "2% carry-forward" referred to in the RSU response.
6. We stated that the law required the agreement to last for a single year and thus we would support our original language under "Termination" (section 14).

The LWC requested another negotiating session next week.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Stewart, Secretary